

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

During recent weeks we have heard people commenting that the problems at city hall seem to have been settled. We doubt anyone would say that today. We have responded to those who were speaking to us that actually not one of the problems has been settled. The events since the later part of last week, including Monday unfortunately confirm that statement. It matters not if you support the position of Mayor Haywood or take the opposing viewpoint, you can still see major problems. Students of human nature can get volumes of data to study listening to Haywood supporters criticize those "others" as stupid and incapable of making an unbiased decision, then a few minutes later hear these same Haywood supporters condemned by "the others" with exactly the same words.

We are guilty of laughing when asked on the streets for the latest story about City of Elba business, but folks this is no laughing matter. The reputation of Elba is already tarnished because of the adverse publicity and there is no end in sight. We are reminded of the Biblical story of the two women quarrelling over a new born baby and the way that was settled. But we are not ready to advocate such action at city hall. Probably our political opinions, like those of the people directly involved, are too strong to ever allow us to accept such a solution to this dilemma, but someone is going to have to find a solution. The person who proposes and/or nurses through the political maze a solution to Elba's numerous public problems will instantly become a hero deserving of our unwavering gratitude.

A loyal out-of-state subscriber of *The Elba Clipper* wrote us a personal letter several weeks ago. She was upset about all the negative Elba news. The lady assured us she wasn't taking sides in the matter, as she didn't even know Mr. Haywood nor most of the others, but was embarrassed. She made a sincere request that if it continued, she wanted her hometown paper mailed in a "plain brown wrapper." The lady explained that she didn't want her mail carrier, who is a family friend, nor her neighbors to know what was going on in her native Elba. Things eased off some and we filed the letter away, but this week she gets hers in that plain brown wrapper. We can't afford to do that on a regular basis, but will acknowledge her request one time anyway.

We reported several weeks ago on City Attorney Mark Vaughan's activities in federal court on the redistricting case. It deals with imbalance of the five City Council districts. Vaughan concedes Elba will have to redistrict. He is hoping the court will allow Elba to postpone the new districts until the 1996 elections. However, if the federal judge mandates new elections as early as the summer of 1993, it will only involve the council seats. We should say, it should only involve the council seats...the current problems at city hall notwithstanding. The law suit challenges the number of people in each council district. The mayor is elected in an at-large race. Therefore the make up of the districts should have no bearing on the qualifying, running or who is elected to serve as mayor...this year or any year.

President-elect Bill Clinton's cabinet members are hinting that all those tax cuts promised the elusive "middle class" might not happen. This should come as no shock to anyone who really watches politicians. Their promises are just chatter to get elected and not necessarily what they plan to actually do for the voters. What we can expect to see is more, more and more new taxes. The national Democratic party is not famous for cutting away programs and they will have to have more taxes just to maintain the present rate of gimme, gimme, gimme.

NOTICE

The 25557 tractor on page 3 of today's *SEARS INSERT* is incorrectly listed as having a 42" deck. This tractor has a 38" deck. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you.

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, January 5, 1993, investigated the following incidents: six burglaries, six criminal mischiefs, four thefts, one harassing communication, two harassments, one assault, one unlawful possession of marijuana, one DUI, one destruction of private property and one attempted burglary.

Traffic citations for the following violations were issued: one for driving while driver's license suspended, two for speeding, one for not wearing a seat belt, one for DUI, one for expired tag and one for no driver's license.

The following arrests were made: one for burglary, one for unlawful possession of marijuana, one for burglary and one for theft.

Daily activity for the week was as follows:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5 - Burglary at Nick's Barber Shop (7:39 a.m.); Burglary at Home Folks Restaurant (11:09 a.m.); Wreck at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 84W and AL 203 (5:14 p.m.); Fire truck responded to residence on Claxton Ave. (5:54 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6 - Rescue run to Hobo Pantry (2:20 a.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7 - Alarm at Elba High School (6:53 a.m.); Wreck on Hickman Ave (11:01 a.m.); Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (11:02 a.m.); Alarm at GTE (2:30 p.m.); Alarm at residence on Claxton Ave. (9:51 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8 - Disturbance on N. Morrow St. (12:38 a.m.); Burglary reported at June Bug's Cafe (9:59 a.m.); Rescue run to residence in Shiloh Community (11:25 a.m.); Wreck on Claxton Ave. (12:52 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 - Rescue run to Parker's Fox Run (4:52 a.m.); Disturbance on West St. (7:44 a.m.); Shooting reported at Big Knot Cafe (8:09 p.m.); Disturbance on Jones and Reynolds Streets (10:34 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 - Rescue run to Mullins Apts. (1:42 p.m.); Routine activity.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11 - Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (7:51 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on Airport Rd. (10:18 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on Morrow St. (12:24 p.m.); Prowler reported on Plant Ave. (10:20 p.m.).

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GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNER... Daniel Ward was the winner of the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee on January 5, 1993 and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the fifth annual National Geography Bee, which is sponsored by National Geographic WORLD, The Society's magazine for children and Amtrak. Twenty-two Elba Elementary students participated in the local competition. Pictured above are the 10 finalists: Front Row (seated l-r) Jason Abbott and Daniel Ward; Second Row (l-r) - Evan Maddox, Nicholas Brunson, Bethany Dye and Justin Maddox; Back Row (l-r) - Monique Ordon, Deana Farris, Diana Jackson, and Kimberly Ward.

Elba General Hospital REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of January 5, 1993 through January 11, 1993.

They were: Ronald Anderson, James Foster, Sabrina Wilson, Ed Paisley, Emma Magwood, Fannie Nelson, Alonzo Rogers, Don Bryan, Audrey Duncan, Zachary Hudson, Clarence McGaha, Marnie Donaldson, Lucy Wise, Sharon Burks, Sidney Stevens, Mattie Wambles, Brandon Owens, Gladys Brooks, Ashley Harwood, Leila Tyson, Nora M. Runion, Kisiwana Thielen, Ruth Inman and Tishie Davis.

Those discharged during the same period of time were: Brantly Lowery, David Ferrell, Sandarius Reed, Ed Paisley, Sabrina Wilson, James Foster, Emma Magwood, Eula Goodson, Alonzo Rogers, Audrey Duncan, Clarence McGaha, Eunice Nelson and Emma Mount.

NOTE OF THANKS

The family of DONALD E. BOLING would like to thank everyone for the food, flowers, prayers and other acts of kindness shown to us during the recent death of our loved one.

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ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Thurs. 8 a.m.
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday 5:15 p.m. - City Hall
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. - Ranch House Restaurant
KAWANIS CLUB - Each Thursday - Noon @ Home Foks Restaurant
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - City Office
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. 7 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon. - 5:45 p.m. - City Hall (after City Council meeting)
MAGNOLIA LODGE 178 - 1st & 3rd Mon. of each month - 7 p.m. - Elba Room
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OBITUARIES

DONALD E. BOLING

Donald E. Boling, Ret. LTC of Kinston, Alabama, passed away at Lyster Army Hospital on Tuesday, December 29, 1992.

He was born in Slater, Missouri on November 4, 1927. He spent his early life there. Before entering the military he resided in Topeka, Kansas.

Funeral services were held at Rainier Funeral Home on December 31, 1992, with Fort Rucker Center Chaplain (Col.) Marvin K. Vickers Jr. and Rev. Walter Kenny of Kinston officiating.

He was laid to rest at Peaceful Acre's Memorial Garden with graveside full military honors.

He is survived by his wife, Winnie Merle Boling; his mother, Juanita Patterson of Topeka, KS; two sons, Don Boling of Emporia, KS and David Boling of Atlanta, Georgia; one daughter, Belinda Boling of Atlanta, GA; on brother, James Boling of Madison, Connecticut; one sister, Katherine Brown of Decatur, Arkansas; three step daughters, Sue Patterson of Kinston, AL; Kay Mixon of Elba, AL; and Vicki Hudson of Navarre Beach, FL; his step mother, Mary Belle Boling of Slater, MO.

JAMES EDWARD HUSSEY

James Edward Hussey, age 71 of Enterprise, Alabama, died Friday, January 8, 1993 in a Dothan, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, January 11, 1993 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Larry Doster officiating.

Burial followed in the Victoria Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include his wife, Buna Mae Hussey of Enterprise, AL; one sister, Patricia Wambles of Level Plains, AL; one brother, Ellsworth Hussey of Enterprise, AL; one step son, Phillip L. Fleming of Tallahassee.

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Brunson proposed tabling the matter until the council learned the proper procedure in such matters. Attorney Mike Jend asked who was going to handle the day to day responsibilities of the police department and Haywood said he was.

Jared was apparently aware of a memo, signed by Haywood, and already posted in the police department which read in part: "I assumed the duties of acting police chief. Dad to day activities will be outlined by Mr. Henry Clark, who will be the supervising operations officer."

Council member John Sharpless requested an executive session and the council moved to a private room for discussion.

After returning to open session, the council voted to table action on Hanchey's status until the requested information could be requested from the city attorney.

Haywood asked to be on record as opposing this delay. Brunson then asked that the matter of garbage collection, sewer system problems, the outdated zoning ordinance and needed changes in the City's personnel policy be on the next agenda and every agenda thereafter until decisions are made.

Jimright again asked questions concerning the budget and Haywood suggested he set up a meeting with the city's bookkeeper to get those questions answered.

TAX

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can be imposed upon county residents and businesses.

Holley told Stephens that he would be glad to meet with the commissioners to discuss the matter with them. No date for the meeting was set.

There were several indicators that the courthouse question will be the topic of discussion in several future commission meetings before the matter is settled.

Turning to other matters, the commission heard from a Mr. Freeman representing the Coffee County Humane Society.

He asked for the commission's help in establishing an animal control officer and a facility to house wayward animals in Coffee County.

He stated that such a facility and officer would not be just for the animals but for the people.

"We're putting our citizens in jeopardy if we don't do something," said Freeman.

Freeman offered the Humane Society's assistance, volunteers - what ever else is necessary, to help run the county facility.

Commissioner Sid Averett commented that Mr. Freeman's request was a legitimate one and that the commission would try to do what it could to honor it. The other commissioners concurred.

The commission, following a motion by Commissioner Bernest

Brooks, voted unanimously to hire Kenneth Fuller, an Enterprise attorney, as legal counsel for the commission.

All attorneys practicing law in the county were given an opportunity to offer their legal services to the county commission.

Upon a request from the South Crenshaw County Water Authority, the commissioners signed a resolution allowing the authority to provide water service to Coffee County residents in the northwestern portion of the county.

This action was necessary in order for the authority to amend its present charter.

County Engineer Mark Pool reminded the commission members that only 9-1/2 months remain before the county will have to begin dumping solid waste in a Subside D landfill. The county's present landfill will have to be closed.

Pool said, "The clock is ticking and that's all I've got to say about that!"

The commission voted to appoint Commissioner Lawrence Creel to the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning Board.

After conducting several other routine business matters, the commission adjourned until Thursday (today) at 9:00 a.m. The commissioners will be holding a rather lengthy, according to one commissioner, planning session.

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Board: \$972.00 - Senior Citizens: \$1,752.50 - Fire department: \$722.50 - Rescue Squad; and \$12,672.00 - Town of New Brockton.

The council took action in Monday's meeting to add to the revenue side of the ledger sheet.

After several minutes of discussion, the council approved upping the town's sales tax from 2.5¢ to 3¢. The tax increase becomes effective on April 1, 1993. Council member Rosann Lewis cast the lone dissenting vote.

They also voted unanimously to increase the garbage/trash fees. Residents will see a \$2.00 per month increase while businesses will see a \$5.00 per month increase. This increase will take effect on March 1, 1993.

Council members agreed to review what each business is now paying for trash/garbage pick-up and make adjustments where possible.

A representative of Ewing Conner gave the council a progress report on the rehab project which is being funded through a Community Development Block Housing Grant.

Presently, the town has received a \$300,000 grant to rehabilitate 30 houses, mostly on Fitzsimmons and McKinnon Streets. The actual construction project will be starting next week.

The council also gave the go-ahead to proceed with application

for another housing rehab project grant for fiscal year 1993.

Police Chief Charles Driggers told council members, "We have got some problems with animals and they are vicious. We need an ordinance to adequately deal with the problem."

The chief and mayor are to study an animal control ordinance that Enterprise has in place and return to the council with a recommendation.

Other matters addressed by the council were as follows:

***Support and approval was given to James Locke to proceed with the organization of a neighborhood crimewatch. Assisting Locke will be Chief Driggers and Enterprise Police Officer Cindy Dunaway.

***Approved the fire department's refinancing of their loan (used to purchase the last fire truck).

***Approved \$175 plus travel for the municipal judge to attend a seminar.

***Authorized Lennwood Heron to seek application for affordable housing fund through a HUD Home Project. There will be no cost to the town. Funding for a possible 15 to 25 housing units could be obtained.

***All departments were asked to seek ways of cutting expenses.

Elba School Board reviews test scores

By Ferrin Cox

Publisher

The Elba City School Board was told last Thursday that student test scores had improved. The prepared report presented to the board members, the press and others present was headlined "STUDENT TEST SCORES UPWARD." This was documented with figures indicating math increases of as much as 32% in the third grade.

Math has been an area Elba students have historically scored below the state average on, but this group scored 90 and above in all three groups, Reading, Math and Language.

All three groups improved their performance in math. The third grade improved 32%, the sixth grade by 12% and the ninth grade upped their math score by 9%.

Students in the third, sixth and ninth grades throughout Alabama take the Alabama Basic Competency Tests every year.

The third grade students improved their reading score by 23% and their language by 18%. The sixth grade improved their reading by 15%, the 12% on math and scored the only dark spot on the reports with a 4% drop in language skills.

The ninth grade improved reading by 5% and language by 8% to go with their improved math scores.

The report, presented by Superintendent Charles Pearce and Assistant Superintendent John C. "Buddy" Windham, explained that the test scores indicate the percentage of students who correctly answered enough test items to meet the Alabama Performance Based Accreditation Standard. The test was revised several years ago, and this is only the second time that students have been given the new revised test.

Elba students taking the Alabama High School Graduation Exam didn't do as well as the state average. Elba students didn't do as well this year as the group taking the test last year.

Again this test is divided into three sections, Reading, Math and Language.

82% of the Elba students passed the reading portion, an increase from 77% last year. However on math they dropped one percent to 72% while the language portion recorded a 2 percent drop to 75%.

These students have additional chances but they must pass this exam to graduate from public school in Alabama.

This test was revised and made harder two years ago because state officials felt the passing rate was higher than it should be. This dropped Elba students success rate from the high nineties to the low eighties and seventy rates. State averages for the first attempt on the new test are 88% for reading, 79% in math and 74% in language.

In other business the board voted to increase approved travel pay from 22.5¢ per mile to 25¢ per mile. Travel pay will still be limited by the same budget ceiling already established.

The board members suggested the administration prepare a suggested policy for the Board to review on use of the school buses and auditoriums. This will become official school board policy when approved.

The board approved resolutions honoring Mrs. Sara Sharpless for her years of service and another saluting the Elba High football team.

Pearce reported he had met with the newly formed Community Relations Council. This group is made up of four teachers, four parents and four students.

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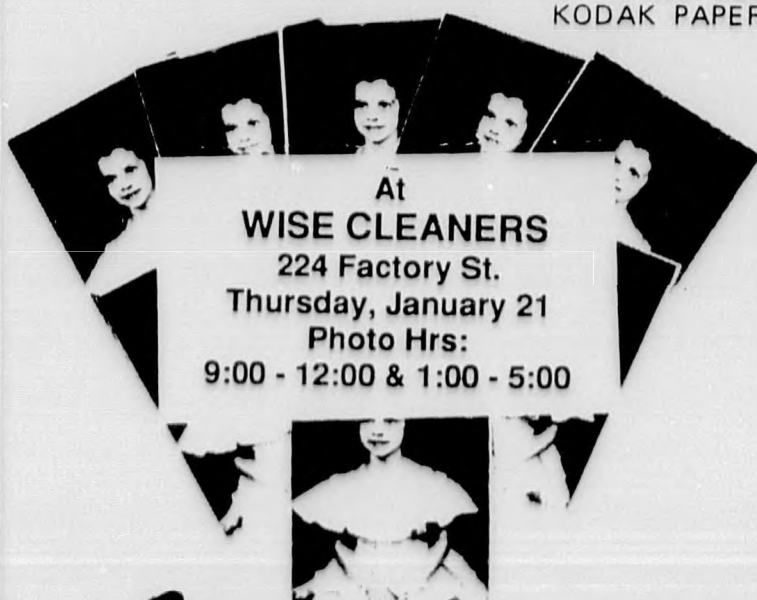
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Proud parents are Greg and Benita Hurley of Kodiak.

Grandparents are Malcom and Marlene Willis of Elba, Alabama and Jim and Pat Pitullo of Asheville, NC.

Great grandmothers are Ima East Brown of Elba, Ala. and Irene Pitullo

Continuing the 19th season of the Coffee County Arts Alliance on Thursday, January 21, 1993, will be the world famous GLEN MILLER ORCHESTRA. THE GLEN MILLER ORCHESTRA, a world renowned band, will perform the "Swing Choir," and "Moonlight Serenade." Still considered the greatest band of all time, its unique sound is loved by virtually anyone who cares for dance music. The present band was formed in 1956 by the Miller Estate due to the popular demand following the highly successful 1988 tour. The new "Glen Miller Story" starring James Stewart and June Allyson. THE GLEN MILLER ORCHESTRA has toured consistently since, playing an average of 300 dates a year around the globe.

The concert will be given at the Enterprise High School Auditorium. Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. performance are \$10. Purchasing tickets at the door. Tickets are also available at PLAIN AND FANCY THE FINEST CLOTHING IN ENTERPRISE, 100 N. NEWELL BLVD. Also at the ITR TRAVEL OFFICE at Fort Rucker.

For more information you may contact a member of the Board of Directors, or call the Enterprise High School Coffee County as we welcome these fine band performers to the Wiregrass!

field of Troy. They were peach tulle-
tea length dresses with puff
sleeves and a dropped waist. Each
carried a long stemmed white rose.

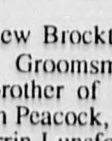
Charles Ammons of New Brock-
ton, brother of the groom, was the
ring bearer.

Shawn Kelley of New Brockton,
served as best man. Groomsman
were Lex Ammons, brother of the
groom, Toby Lee, Brian Peacock, of
New Brockton and Darin Lunsford,
brother of the bride, of Ft. Campbell,
KY.

Ushers were Mark Blair, Mike
McDaniel, David Smith, of New
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Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

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Wed. Prayer Serv.	7:00 p.m.	Memor
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Men's Morning	11:00 a.m.	Even
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Sunday Afternoon	5:30 p.m.	Wed
Wed. Service	7:00 p.m.	Wed
ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF		
GOD - Kenneth Finch		KIRSTIN
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.	Sunday
Men's Morning	11:00 a.m.	Men
Even. Service	6:00 p.m.	Even
Wed. Service	7:00 p.m.	Transa
Youth Service - Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Transa
ELBA FIRST BAPTIST		
Chas. H. Dr. Frank Wells		FRIDAY
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.	FRIDAY
Men's Morning	11:00 a.m.	Men
Even. Service	6:00 p.m.	Sun. Ev
Wed. Prayer Serv.	6:15 p.m.	Wed. S

Choir Practice	5:00 p.m.	HARRIS-THEME COGIC - Pastor	
Evening Services	7:00 p.m.	W. T. Herke, Pastor W. K. Ellison	
		Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
		Non Service	11:00 a.m.
ST. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH		Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship Services	10:00 a.m.	Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Services	7:00 p.m.	Bible Band Tuna	7:00 p.m.
		Evening Services	7:00 p.m.
		Choir Rehearsal - 1st & 3rd Sunday	7:00 p.m.
ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH			
Worship Services	9:45 a.m.	HOW HILL ASSEMBLY OF	
Evening Services	7:00 p.m.	GOD - Shirbie Ellis	
		Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
		Non Worship	11:00 a.m.
		Evening Services	7:00 p.m.
		Wed. Prayer Serv.	7:00 p.m.
WESLEYAN BAPTIST CHURCH		HOW ASSEMBLY OF GOD -	
Worship Services	9:45 a.m.	Wesley A. Ford	
Evening Services	7:00 p.m.	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
		Worship Services	11:00 a.m.
		Evening Services	7:00 p.m.
		Wed. Bible Class	6:30 p.m.
WESLEYAN BAPTIST CHURCH		JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD -	
Worship Services	9:45 a.m.	Wesley A. Ford	
Evening Services	7:00 p.m.	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
		Worship Services	11:00 a.m.
		Evening Services	7:00 p.m.
		Wed. Prayer Serv.	7:15 p.m.
		Choir Practice	9:45 a.m.
WESLEYAN BAPTIST CHURCH		KIN'S FIRST BAPTIST	
Worship Services	9:45 a.m.	CHURCH	
Evening Services	7:00 p.m.	Larry Lamberth - Pastor	
		Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
		Non Worship	11:00 a.m.
WESLEYAN BAPTIST CHURCH		MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH	
Worship Services	9:45 a.m.	Rev. F. McCallum - Pastor	
Evening Services	7:00 p.m.	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
		Non Worship	11:00 a.m.
		Evening Services	7:00 p.m.
		Training Union	5:00 p.m.
		Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
WESLEYAN BAPTIST CHURCH		MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY	
Worship Services	9:45 a.m.	OF GOD - Bonnie Earl	
Evening Services	7:00 p.m.	Sunday School	10:00 p.m.
		Evening Services	7:00 p.m.
		Wed. Bible Class	6:30 p.m.
WESLEYAN BAPTIST CHURCH		MULBERRY HILLS CHURCH	
Worship Services	9:45 a.m.	OF CHRIST - R. B. Willis	
Evening Services	7:00 p.m.	Worship Services	10:00 a.m.
		Evening Services	7:00 p.m.
		Wed. Bible Class	6:30 p.m.
WESLEYAN BAPTIST CHURCH		NEW AUBURN LUTHERAN	
Worship Services	9:45 a.m.	Herron, Linda and William	
Evening Services	7:00 p.m.	Sunday	10:00 a.m.
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		Wed. Bible Class	6:30 p.m.
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		Wed. Prayer Serv.	7:00 p.m.
WESLEYAN BAPTIST CHURCH		NEW BROTHER METHODIST	
Worship Services	9:45 a.m.	Rev. Brockton	
Evening Services	7:00 p.m.	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
		Worship Services	11:00 a.m.
		Evening Services	7:00 p.m.
		Wed. Prayer Serv.	7:00 p.m.
WESLEYAN BAPTIST CHURCH		NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH	
Worship Services	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	
Evening Services	7:00 p.m.	Worship Services	10:00 a.m.
		Evening Services	7:00 p.m.
		Wed. Prayer Serv.	7:00 p.m.
WESLEYAN BAPTIST CHURCH		NEW ENDEAVOR BAPTIST	
Worship Services	9:45 a.m.	Attn: Livengood	
Evening Services	7:00 p.m.	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
		Worship Services	11:00 a.m.
		Evening Services	7:00 p.m.
		Wed. Prayer Serv.	7:00 p.m.

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7:00 p.m.	West Coast Church ... 1:00 p.m.	WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Tony Jory Early Worship ... 8:30 a.m. Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m. Evening Service ... 11:00 a.m. Evening Service ... 9:45 p.m. Prayer Meeting ... Wed. Ozark Retirement ... 7:30 p.m.
HURCH 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD —Jack Wilcox Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Early Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Evening Service ... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Even. Serv. ... 7:00 p.m.	WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH —Mrs. Mary Madala Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Men's Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Church Training ... 5:00 p.m. Evening Service ... 6:00 p.m. Eld. Prayer Meeting ... 7:00 p.m.
CHURCH 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	HOWE HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH Betty Brill Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Church Training ... 1:00 p.m. Evening Worship ... 7:00 p.m. Evening Service ... 7:00 p.m.	WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD —Kenneth Hager Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Men's Service ... 11:00 a.m. Men's Service ... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Serv. ... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Serv. ... 7:00 p.m.
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CHURCH 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	ROCKY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH A. R. Williams Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Men's Worship ... 11:30 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays ... 4:00 p.m.	ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Mark Griffith Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m. Men's Service ... 11:00 a.m. Morning Serv. ... 11:00 a.m. Church Training ... 5:00 p.m. Evening Service ... 6:00 p.m.
CHURCH 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	ROBERTSON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m. Men's Service ... 11:00 a.m. Church Training ... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting ... 7:00 p.m.	ZION COMMUNITY CHURCH Richard W. Tal Jones Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Men's Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Evening Service ... 6:00 p.m. Thursday Serv. ... 7:00 p.m.
HOMEST 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	SILHIO BAPTIST CHURCH Campbell Searls Men's Worship ... 10:00 a.m. Men's Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Church Training ... 5:00 p.m. Evening Service ... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. ... 7:00 p.m.	VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH Dennis Cawwell Men's Worship ... 9:45 a.m. Men's Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Church Training ... 4:30 p.m.
CHURCH 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	WEST COAST CHURCH 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	

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FBLA Cleans Up "Their" Mile



Pictured above are (l-r): Standing - Toby Wambles, Falcitly Littlefield, Randy Jackson. Seated - Bridget Greenwood.

by Nicki Pilcher

As part of their community service project for the year, the Zion Chapel Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) adopted the mile of Alabama Highway 87 that is in front of the school. They adopted this mile under the Alabama State Highway Department "Adopt-A-Mile" program.

Before the cleanup began signs that read "Work in Progress" were hung under the "Adopt-A-Mile" signs that are at either end of the mile. This was to alert motorists that persons would be encountered on the shoulders of the highway.

The students who were involved in the cleanup also had to wear fluorescent orange and yellow vests so that they could be easily seen by persons passing in automobiles. The vests were also supplied by the Highway Department.

Falcitly Littlefield, Randy Jackson, Bridget Greenwood, and Toby Wambles, who are senior members of the FBLA, helped Mrs. Rachel Bryan, club sponsor, with the cleanup. When asked what kind of trash was found on the shoulders of

the road, Falcitly Littlefield said, "There was a lot of chip bags directly in front of the school. They probably blew over from the trash thrown down on the school grounds. Before someone can get them picked up off the school grounds they could easily have blown across the highway. Other than that the kind of trash found in great abundance were beer cans and beer bottles. The entire mile was not cleaned up during one afternoon. The group ran out of time before they could get to the very end. However, four large trash bags were filled in the time that they were able to work. Mr. Jimmy Bryan disposed of the trash for the FBLA."

After the cleanup, the students returned to Mrs. Bryan's house for a large supper.

During the weeks to come members of FBLA will be divided into grade levels to take charge of cleaning up the mile. The junior members are scheduled for the next cleanup and Mrs. Bryan has promised to reward them in some manner for their work.



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Tuesday - Breakfast Sausage/Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk.
Wednesday - Honey Buns, Cereal, Juice, Milk.
Thursday - Sausage, Biscuits, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk.
Friday - Cheese Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk.

LUNCH
Tuesday - Pizza, Burrito, Baked Beans, Raw Vegetables w/Dip, Choice of Fruit, Cheese Cake, Milk.
Wednesday - Chicken Tenders, Steak Fingers, Blackeyed Peas, Creamed Potatoes, Choice of Fruit, Rolls, Milk.
Thursday - Beefaroni, Barbecue Sandwich, Peas and Carrots, Lyonnaise Green Beans, Choice of Fruit, Rolls, Milk.
Friday - Hamburger, Hotdog, Onion Rings, Corn on Cob, Choice of Fruit, Chocolate Pudding, Milk.

7th & 8th Graders Make Commercials

by Tracie Tidwell

The seventh and eighth graders made commercials in Mr. Brannon's English class. The purpose of this project was to allow the students to have experience in front of cameras and crowds.

The commercials were recorded in Mr. Brannon's classroom. The students were allowed to choose their topics and when the film was completed they were given the opportunity to watch them. A classwork grade has given to each student that participated.

Cars, Cars, Cars

by Joseph Smith

I, Joseph Smith, have recently purchased a 1973 Dodge Challenger. This car is a very rare breed of car and this type of car was last to RUN! The car is just a body with a front suspension. It will be a project that I can take pride in doing. The motor, transmission, and rear end has been removed from the car so I end has to find a whole drivetrain from front to rear. The interior has been torn up and the outside is in need of some paint. I hope to be able to drive it before graduation. I plan to rebuild a motor from just a block and come up from there. My goal is to make a car that will outrun and outlast any car or truck around.

Housing Class Projects

by Sonya Simmons

Ms. Hobbs fifth period housing class has been studying different styles of homes. They were given the assignment to design a home of their choice and furnish a social room, a quiet room, or any other room they chose.

They were to draw their house plan and then furnish the rooms. Types of wall coverings, carpets or tiles, draperies and the style furniture were to be shown. The rooms had to be color coordinated.

These projects were to be done by the semester and counted 20% of their grade.

Ag Class Project

by Randy Jackson

The Senior Vocational Agriculture class, taught by Mr. John McCrory, will be building a porch at the entrance of Mrs. Rachel Bryan's room.

The ramp that served as a handicapped entrance to the room was insufficient in that it was not even connected to the doorway. The new porch, however, will allow enough room to enter Mrs. Bryan's room, and will also allow enough room for any students confined to a wheelchair.

"In addition to a new entrance way," said Mr. McCrory, "it gives the students a chance to exercise skills used in building and construction."

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Laura Brown Selected Dothan Gayfer Girl

by Laura Brown

Being a Gayfer Girl is something I had wanted to be for a long time. So when I was eligible, I applied. The Gayfer Girls and Guys program is an organization sponsored by each Gayfer store and is made up of junior and senior students from local high schools. To be considered for the program, you must maintain a high B average in all school work and be active in school and community activities.

Each summer, applications for the program are available in the junior department at Gayfers. Once this is completed and returned, each person is scheduled for an interview with Ms. Nancy Prim, Fashion Director at Gayfers and sponsor of the GG program. The interview was the hardest part for me because I was afraid I would not know what to say, but when I met Ms. Prim, I relaxed a little and did just fine. For my talent during the interview I performed a tap dance to "Steam Heat". I was also required to model so they could see how I would appear on stage. The president and vice president of the GG's were both a member of the interview panel and they provided much support during the modeling, which made it a lot easier.

Two other department heads completed the panel. Over two hundred eligible students applied for the GG program, and only 44 were selected.

After being selected, we immediately started our activities with a Get Acquainted party at the home of Ms. Prim. Our first undertaking was a musical fashion premier "The Magic of Gayfers" held on August 13, at the Dothan Opera House. This required hours and



hours of rehearsal but was a lot of fun. The proceeds of the show went to the Shepherd's Staff, a home for boys in Ariz. Other activities have included a "Toys for Tots" Christmas show, and many smaller fashion shows inside Gayfers, working at Gayfers during the holidays and mannequin modeling. That is hard to do because you have to act like a mannequin and it's difficult not to answer someone when they talk to you. We also meet the first and third Tuesday of every month. Guest speakers along with Ms. Prim and the GG officers provide helpful information during these meetings.

The GG's will present a fashion show in center court of Wiregrass Commons each Saturday in February. The GG's are divided into four groups and are responsible for every aspect of the show, selecting the theme, setting the stage, selecting the music, pulling the clothes, choreographing and modeling. My group's show will be on February 13.

Being a Gayfer Girl has been a wonderful experience for me. I have made many new friends from throughout the Wiregrass area which I will remember for the rest of my life and it has given me the opportunity to participate in many fun filled and worthwhile activities. I encourage any junior and senior students to apply. It's a lot of fun and you'll be glad you did.

Concert Season To Start

by Denise Marler

The Zion Chapel Rebel Band is now entering concert season and is having their auditions. To be selected to play first, second or third chair in a section, a person has to play scales, etudes, and rudiments. A person also has to demonstrate his/her ability to sight read music.

Mrs. Michelle Moultrie, along with students from the Music Department at Troy State University, will judge the auditions. The Gamcocks pulled out to a 15.6 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Gamcocks scored was led by Adrian Flowers who put 8 points on the board. The Gamcocks increased their lead in the second quarter by outscoring the Rebels 9 to 6 points which extended their lead to 24.15 at halftime.

The Gamcocks came out after the half and again outscored the Rebels this time 16 to 9 points. At the end of the second quarter New Brockton led 40.24. Chris Hodge scored 7 points in the quarter to lead the Rebel scoring.

In the fourth quarter both teams scored well but New Brockton had the advantage getting an additional 21 points while the Rebels put only 18 points on the board. The game ended with a score of 61-42 and a Gamcock victory.

Chris Hodge led the Rebel defense with 19 points and Joey Herbert contributed 12 points for the Rebels.

Zion Chapel vs. New Brockton

The next game took the Rebels to New Brockton to play in the SEAC Tournament where the Rebels played Kinston in the first round. The Kinston Bulldogs took the game 73-48.

The Bulldogs pulled ahead early in the game by compiling a 20-11 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter got worse for the Rebels as the Bulldogs outscored them 25 points to 10 points while knocking up a huge score of 45-17 going into halftime.

The teams played evenly in the third quarter with both adding 7 points to their first half score. Tracy Hall scored 8 points during the quarter for Kinston and Chris Hodge scored 13 for the Rebels. At the end of three quarters of play, Kinston held a 62-34 lead.

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Zion Chapel vs. Straughn

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The Tigers opened up the game by outscoring the Rebels 18.9 during the first quarter. The Rebels closed the margin in the second quarter by outscoring the Tigers 15 to 13 points. Chris Hodge scored 7 points during the second quarter to lead the scoring for the Rebels while Joey Herbert was a big help to the Rebel attack by adding 6 points. At halftime Straughn led with a score of 31-24.

The Rebels could get nothing going in the third quarter and only put 2 points on the scoreboard. The Tigers had not trouble hitting the basket and were able to score 18 points to increase their lead to 49-26 by the end of their third quarter of play.

The Tigers again outscored the Rebels in the fourth quarter by adding 19 more points to their score while the Rebels could only add 15. The fourth quarter came to an end with a final score of Straughn 68, Zion Chapel, 41.

Chris Hodge led the Rebel offense with 24 points and Joey Herbert had 8 points.

Rebel Basketball

by Chris Hodge

Zion Chapel vs. New Brockton

The Zion Chapel Rebels played New Brockton in Elba's Christmas Tournament. The Rebels played hard but took home another loss for the season. The Gamcocks won the game 61-43.

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



by Maly Boland

Sherry Simmons - Sherry is the daughter of Pat and Reuben Simmons. She is involved in FHLA, SADD, and the Marching Tiger Band. Sherry attends Shiloh Baptist Church. After graduation, Sherry plans to attend college.

Hops Taylor - Hope is the daughter of Diane and Frankie Taylor. She is involved in Mu Alpha Theta, St. Beta Club, FHLA, VICA, and Drama Club. Hope works at National Security Insurance. She attends Hillview Baptist Church. After graduation, Hope plans to attend ESIC and transfer to Troy State University.

Mary Campbell - Mary is the daughter of Earnest and Annie Campbell. She is involved in VICA, FHLA, SADD, and FHA. She works at Hobb's Panty. Mary attends New Haven Baptist Church. After graduation, Mary plans to attend ESIC.



Junior Beta Club Initiation

On December 17, 1992, the Jr. Beta Club had its annual initiation day for all new members. The theme for this year's initiation was Christmas Betas. Girls dressed as Santa's reindeer, complete with antlers and red noses. The boys completed initiation by dressing as decorative Christmas trees. Twenty-five new members completed initiation this year.

The purpose of Jr. Beta is to encourage efforts, to reward merit, and to promote quality, credible achievements, and commendable attitudes are qualifications for individual membership.

ELBA CITY SCHOOLS LUNCHROOM MENUS January 18 - 22, 1993

BREAKFAST
Tuesday - Cereal or Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Wednesday - Cinnamon Rolls or Cereal, Cheese, Juice, Milk.
Thursday - Pancakes or Cereal, Sausage, Juice, Milk.
Friday - Biscuits or Cereal, Jelly, Sausage, Juice, Milk.

LUNCH
Tuesday - Baked Chicken or Pork or Beef Casserole, Rice/Gravy, Garden Peas, Rolls, Jelly w/Fruit, Milk.
Wednesday - Manager's Choice.
Thursday - Chili Dog or Sloppy Joe, Green Beans, French Fries, Cheese Slice, Choice of Fruit, Milk.
Friday - Pizza or Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Green Salad, Corn or Butter Beans, Choice of Fruit, Milk.

BUCKLE UP!!

On December 17, 1992, Mrs. Padgett's eleventh grade advanced English class went to the Dothan Civic Center to enjoy "Tour de Force". "Tour de Force" is a production consisting of five short stories including "The Fall of the House of Usher", "The Mouse", "The Most Dangerous Game", "The Ransom of Red Chief", and "An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge". The field trip was an enjoyable learning experience.

by Jake Stokes

During the New Year's holidays, my family and I took a trip to New Orleans to see the Sugar Bowl. This was the showdown between Alabama and Miami for the National Championship. While on the interstate, we saw numerous cars of Alabama fans and only a few sporting Miami colors. The hotel we stayed in was an Alabama headquarters. The team and coaches were there and it was packed with Alabama fans. We saw a lot of the players and got their autographs. Everyone in the whole town of New Orleans was excited over the game about to be played. There were quite a few words exchanged by the fans of both teams. Everyone was sure that their team would win.

On New Year's Day, we left for the game an hour and a half before kickoff. When we finally made our way inside

the Superdome, the place was packed. About 50,000 of the nearly 80,000 fans were for Alabama. The game started and the full stadium was roaring with cheers. It was the most noise I had ever heard by a crowd. Miami's cheers were totally drowned out by Alabama fans. The Miami fans started off loud but soon "shut-up" as they couldn't believe what was happening to them. At half-time, they were all complaining about one thing or another. Come fourth quarter, Miami had left, and the remaining ones never rose from their seats. By the end of the game, there was hardly any green and orange left in the stadium. We didn't leave the stadium until about 30 minutes after the game. That was only the beginning of the celebration.

We made our way back to the hotel and saw the players as they arrived. They

EHS Band: Alive & Well

by Joe Jacobs, Band President

At the onset of the new school year, many were concerned with what it would bring. In particular many were concerned with the rumored low turnout for the band. As it was, the rumors were correct. The band had approximately sixty members return for the new year, a decline from recent years and a considerable drop from a high of 120 members four years earlier. While this was a discouragement for the band members, the band was in no means diminished as evidenced at the Little Big Horn and the Emerald Coast marching competitions.

The band received superior ratings at both competitions and best in class awards in every category at the Emerald Coast Marching Band Festival. High honors are nothing new to the Elba High School Band. It has had an award winning reputation for many years.

A long time supporter of Elba High football, the band also made sure it attended all fourteen games—a claim many university bands cannot make of their own team support. Although this entailed a considerable financial responsibility, the band made it a top priority to be there for the team. The band also promoted the team at a pep rally every week during football season and several pep rallies outside of school.

The band was not just a noise maker at the football games. During halftime, the band performed shows extremely demanding both musically and physically which were unmatched by any band witnessed by the spectators during the football season. The music and marching drill, both arranged and written by Band Director Mike Bright, were very well received and required many hours of practice beginning in July. The challenging performances were both recognized and praised as shown through the band's success at competition.

Not only considered a school organization, the band tirelessly contributes to both the school and community. After returning from the state football championship game, the band also performed a Christmas concert on the square at the Christmas Festival the next day. The band also took its traditional place in the annual Christmas Parade. Earlier in the fall, the band performed for the Home

coming Coronation, another annual engagement. Serving the community yet another capacity, the band performed a Christmas concert in the Elba High School auditorium on December 17.

The Elba High School Band greatly appreciates its supporters and all those who support it through its annual calendar away and through the patronage of the Elba Band Boosters concession stand at home football games. The band has been through hard times in recent years, including the time after the Flood, when it had no uniforms and played donated and damaged equipment. Through it all, however, the band has maintained a high level of dedication and excellence. It has consisted of highly motivated individuals who have always demanded the very best of themselves. Regardless of size, the Elba High School Band has represented Elba well for many years. The band will continue its tradition, concentrating not on quantity but quality.

by Leah Crowe and Tiffany Tew

Eric Weston, is in the eighth grade and is the son of Chris Weston. This is his first year playing the saxophone in the band. He is a member of FFA and the Greater New Zion Baptist Church. Eric also enjoys playing baseball.

Bruce Cole, is the 13 year old son of Vivian and Errol Cole. Jr. Bruce is a member of the 7th grade basketball team where he plays the wing position. He attends Shady Grove AME Church. Bruce's other interests include playing baseball, football, and his Sega Genesis games.

Melissa Sorrells - is the 16 year old daughter of Tommy and Pat Sorrells. She has marched with the colorguard for two years. Other than band she is involved in FFA and FBLA. She enjoys walking, talking on the phone, and dancing.

Anna Head - is the daughter of Tom and Chris Head. This is Anna's first year cheering with the JV cheerleaders squad. She is an active member of SADD, FCA, Jr. Beta Club, and the United Methodist Church. Anna's hobbies are playing the piano and taking dancing.

Ashley Sullivan, is the 13 year old son of Kenneth Sulby and Penny Adcock. He has played the position of fullback on the JV football team for one year.

by Grant Coleman

1. "I haven't broken a resolution yet." and start doing my taxes right now."

2. "I've already lost most of that weight I said I'd drop."

Editorial

"City and school officials win one for the kids!"

Apparently, the problems discussed in last week's "Pressbox" concerning the lack of cooperation between the City Recreation Department's Youth Basketball League and the administration of the Elba School System were more a result of a lack of communications and misunderstandings than anything else. City and school officials have talked at length in recent days to ensure that both groups can work together for the best interests of the students, and all citizens of Elba. Those talks have helped clear the air and settle the misunderstandings and it is now obvious that everyone involved cares about the youth and their recreational activities. It's great to know that when there is a problem, or even a misunderstanding, that those involved can sit down and take a positive and forward approach and take actions that are best for everyone. I salute the city and school officials for the manner in which they worked together and I'm convinced that in the future, such problems and misunderstandings will be avoided.

Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Views From

The Pressbox

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Last week wasn't a good week for the Mularz girls as both had to pay a visit to the doctor's office on the same day. Melissa woke up with a stomach ache Monday morning and Melanie had an ear infection, which sent both to the doctor. Both got medicine, and no shots, which made both feel better in a hurry, at least in one way.

ELBA TIGERS ON EARLY SEASON WIN STREAK

The Elba Tigers posted their winning streak to four straight games last week as they increased impressive wins over New Brockton, Goshen and Georgia, and in the process improved their record to 5-1. The Tigers were down late against the talented Gamecocks on the road and could have thrown in the towel, but instead just played harder and hustled even more in the closing minutes, and pulled out the exciting win. Joe Donaldson showed signs of getting back in the groove against the Gamecocks and had his best game of the young season, while his teammates took a giant step forward with the win.

Elba didn't have to work quite as hard against Goshen, as the Tigers handled the Eagles without much trouble. The Tigers ran the players in waves against the outmanned Eagles and in the end it was the Tigers' depth and talent that spelled the difference.

Georgia brought a talented and athletic team to town Friday night and played the Tigers on even terms for three quarters, only to also fall victim to the Tigers' depth and talent. Elba fought tooth and nail against the Panthers and for the second time in the week, had to dig down and come up with something extra late in the game to pull out the win. That's a trait that will always come in handy.

The wins upped the Tigers record to 5-1 and that is a pretty accurate gauge of the way the Tigers played thus far in the season. Elba didn't play all that well in the opening win over Rehoboth and just got whipped by Opp in the semifinals of the Christmas Tourney, but have worked hard since the journey, and the improvement of the players and the coaching skills of Coach Curtis Lane are becoming obvious. If the players can keep working hard in practice and do the things that Coach Lane teaches, many more wins could be on the way!

BRANTLEY STILL CREAM OF THE LOCAL CROP

The Brantley Bulldogs continued to roll up the points, and the wins, last week and it is clear to see that the Bulldogs are the best team in the area, and quite possibly the best in the small school ranks. Here's a look back at another eventful week for area basketball teams, and fans...

BRANTLEY continued to just coast as the Bulldogs easily won a pair of games and remained unbeaten. The Bulldogs are a true team in every sense of the word and their play shows that it's teamwork, and not simply a star, that can make a team win games. If you get the chance, go watch the Bulldogs play, you'll leave impressed.

NEW BROCKTON snapped a two-game slide with a win against Straughn, but don't feel sorry for the Gamecocks. New Brockton learns something in every game it plays and the losses are only making the Gamecocks smarter for the big days ahead. The Gamecocks are a solid club and on any given night can whip just about anybody.

KINSTON stayed pretty much to its season long script last week and continue to win and lose, and stay around the .500 mark for the year. The Bulldogs have as many guards as any team around and can shoot the basketball, but simply don't have the size inside to get enough rebounds to win night in and night out. The Dogs will win their share, but will also lose more than most folks like.

ZION CHAPEL struggled and remained winless for the season; however, the Rebels have still never shown any signs of giving up and are playing as hard as any winner around. The Rebels' problems didn't happen overnight, and won't be solved overnight, either. The Zion Chapel players, and supporters, have to keep their heads held high and work to ensure that better days are ahead.

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Sports

Tiger rally bumps Brockton 60-55

The Elba Tigers scored the final eight points of the game to knock off the New Brockton Gamecocks 60-55, Monday night in New Brockton. The win improved Elba's record to 3-1, while New Brockton slipped to 7-4 with the loss.

Elba's Alex Magwood hit a three-point shot to open the game as the Tigers grabbed a quick 3-0 lead, and the Tigers remained on top 7-4 with 4:59 left in the stanza after two free-throws by Joe Donaldson.

New Brockton took the lead at 10-9 on a short jumper by Eric Edwards with 3:15 left in the quarter, and then outscored Elba 9-1 in the final minutes of the stanza to take a big 19-10 bulge!

Elba scored six straight points to open the second quarter to cut the New Brockton lead to 19-16, and then used the hot shooting of Alex Magwood and David Yelverton to go on a 10-0 run to regain the lead at 28-23 with 2:42 still left in the half.

The Gamecocks were up to the Tiger challenge; however, and closed out the quarter with six unanswered points to go in at the half with a 29-28 advantage.

New Brockton's lead went to 35-32 with 5:20 left in the third quarter on a driving layup by Adrian Flowers, but Elba wouldn't let the Gamecocks pull away, and moved back on top 44-41 with 4:48 left on the clock on a basket by Alex Magwood.

New Brockton again answered the Tiger rally, and behind the play of Eric Edwards and Adrian Flowers, outscored Elba 12-4 to take a 53-48 lead with 4:50 left in the game.

A basket by Chris Green gave the Gamecocks a 55-52 lead with 2:07 left in the contest, but a free-throw by Elba's David Yelverton cut the lead to 55-53, and when Joe Donaldson converted on a three-point play with 1:34 left on the clock, the Tigers were ahead to stay at 56-55!

New Brockton had a chance to regain the lead with 28 left on the clock, but missed the front-end of a one-and-one free-throw opportunity, and Elba added four unanswered points in the closing seconds to claim the win 60-55.

Alex Magwood scored 21 points to lead Elba, while David Yelverton and Joe Donaldson both added 13. Adrian Flowers scored 23 for New Brockton and Eric Edwards added 20.

Elba (74): Thigpen 4, Vaughan 2, Yelverton 12, Grantham 10, Jones 4, Belcher 6, W. Magwood 8, A. Magwood 5, Donaldson 12, Smith 6.

Goshen (55): Boyd 7, Madison 18, Faulkner 2, Snyder 2, Pouncey 4, Tucker 2, Lamar 12, Maddox 8.

Elba (60): Thigpen 4, Yelverton 13, Grantham 1, Belcher 2, Magwood 21, Hooks 2, Donaldson 13, Smith 4.

N.B. (55): Green 8, Flowers 23, Edwards 20, Cason 2, Monk 2.

(B GAME)

The Elba B team improved to 2-0 with a 58-46 win over Goshen.

The Tigers trailed 12-10 after one quarter, but outscored the Eagles 18-8 in the second stanza to take a 28-20 halftime bulge. Goshen cut the lead to 38-23 by the end of the third quarter, however, the Tigers outscored Goshen 20-10 in the final stanza to claim the 58-46 win.

Cory Howe scored 17 points to lead Elba, while Demaris Barnes added 12.

Elba (58): Bozeman 6, Barnes 12, Howe 17, Wyrosdick 6, Goodson 9, Purvis 4, Williams 2, Daniels 2.

Goshen (46): Bozeman 6, Barnes 12, Howe 17, Wyrosdick 6, Goodson 9, Purvis 4, Williams 2, Daniels 2.

N.B. (37): Owens 9, Threats 3, Flowers 12, Pruitt 13.

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Digging Yourself Out Of The Debt Trap

If you regularly use credit cards, retailer charge cards, and other forms of credit, and do not pay off the entire balance every month, then it is costing you about 20% more to live than necessary. The answers to the following questions may shock you. "How much do you earn per hour in take-home pay?" How many hours must you work to pay just the interest on all of your debts (exclude your mortgage)?"

For example, the average household carries \$7,774 of non-mortgage debt, and would save \$670 a year by paying off that debt now. If your take-home pay is \$10 per hour, then you are working 67 hours a year to pay off that \$670 interest. In other words, your entire take-home pay earned over eight days during the year would pay just the interest on your debts.

Start now to dig yourself out of your debt trap. Make a list of everything you owe, including the minimum rate on each debt and the minimum

monthly payment due. Then total all the balances of all monthly payments on all of debt combined (except mortgage). Next, consider getting a home-equity loan to pay off these debts. If a home-equity loan is used to pay off debts, put all credit cards owned in an icecube tray and deep freeze them until home equity loans have been completely repaid. Otherwise, you could lose your home if you get in over your head again. Avoid other kinds of consolidation loans.

Work out a plan to get out of your debt trap. Figure how much you can afford to pay toward all your debts monthly and prorate your payments on each debt based on how much you owe each creditor. Don't avoid your creditors.

Creditors will usually work with you if you contact them first. Instead of skipping a payment, contact your creditors to explain why you can't pay, and your plan for repaying them. Ask them to temporarily waive or reduce your payments.

Richard L. Petcher Associate County Agent

Sanders Elected To the National Peanut Growers Group



Carl Sanders of the Rocton Community was recently elected to the National Peanut Growers Group.

ESJC Plans Two-Evening Course On Group Training

A two-evening course set for January 19 and 21 at Enterprise State Junior College will teach how to design and deliver effective one-on-one or small group training to improve subordinate productivity. Fee for the course is \$23.50 and interest-aided persons should call the Admissions Office at 393-ESJC, ext. 233. This course has been approved for continuing education credits for Licensed Nursing Home Administrators.

Cotton Meeting

The Coffee County Cotton Production Meeting will be held Monday night, February 1, at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room in New Brockton. Speakers will be: Ron Smith, Auburn University Cotton Entomologist, and Mike Patterson, Alabama Cotton Weed Scientist. The meeting will be sponsored by Andy Sumlin with Dixie Ag Supply.

This meeting is for cotton producers only. Please call 894-5546 or 565-3337 if you plan to attend. This will be one of the best cotton meetings in the area. It will be very concise and full of valuable information.

Watermelon Production Meeting

Are you interested in growing watermelons commercially? A Watermelon Production Meeting will be held Thursday night, February 4, at 6:00 p.m. at the Western Steer in Enterprise.

Clyde Ware, owner of C & C Watermelons and member and past president of the National Watermelon Promotion Board, will be speaking on watermelon production, marketing, and the promotion board. Carolyn Sullivan, also of the National Watermelon Production Board, will also be speaking. Dinner will be on your own.

Peanut Pound Quota Down

Alabama Peanut growers will receive less farm poundage quota for their 1993-crop peanuts, according to David W. Eaddy, County Executive Director, of the Coffee County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. The 1993 national peanut poundage quota is 1,496,000 short tons, 44,000 tons less than the 1992 quota.

"The national poundage quota will be allocated to each State based on the State's percentage share of the 1990-crop poundage quota," Eaddy said. Alabama's poundage quota for 1993-crop peanuts is 401,278,981 pounds. "This will be allocated among farms eligible for quotas," he said.

The 2,992-billion-pound peanut poundage quota was established at a level that is equal to the estimated quantity of peanuts that will be devoted to domestic edible uses, seed and related uses in the 1993 marketing year, which begins August 1, 1993.

The peanut poundage quota program limits, through farm poundage quotas, the number of pounds of peanuts that can be marketed by producers for domestic edible uses. Quota peanuts are grown on a farm within the farm's poundage quota.



THE ELBA CLIPPER JANUARY 14, 1993

Dan J. Presley, County Agent

Holly Trees Offer Beauty For Landscaping

Although hollies are popular during the Christmas season for decorating purposes, hollies offer beauty for the landscape year round. Below are some hollies that can be used in the landscape.

Burford holly is a good berry producer and makes a very large shrub or small tree in the landscape. Dwarf Burford holly has smaller leaves and grows slower than Burford, but its canopy tends to have a denser appearance.

Nellie R. Stevens holly grows in a

pyramid form that makes it a terrific screen or featured specimen plant in the landscape. It bears bright red fruit, but since it has only female flowers, it needs a male holly nearby. Edward J. Stevens holly is the pollinator of choice because it looks just like Nellie R. Stevens but it produces no berries. However, a male Chinese holly planted just about anywhere in the neighborhood can serve as an acceptable pollinator for Nellie R. Stevens holly.

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Location: Probate Office, Elba
Closing Date: Resumes & applications taken until February 1, 1993

JOB SUMMARY

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JOB SPECIFICATIONS

Must possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Must possess typing skills, computer knowledge helpful. meet the general public, neat in appearance.

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Cattle & Calves Hogs
Salable Receipts (Est.).....200 575
Week Ago (Actual).....28 411
Year Ago (Actual).....74 753

OPP MARKET

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Year Ago (Actual).....667 25

BREAKDOWN

HOGS (ELBA MKT ONLY): Compared to week ago. Barrows & Gilts: No Trend US 1-3, 220-260lbs, 34.00-35.00; 260-280lbs, 32.50-33.90. Sows: No Trend, US 1-3, 300-400lbs, 27.00-30.00; 400-500lbs, 32.50-35.50; 500-600lbs, 35.00-36.00; 600-700lbs, 36.00-36.50. Feeder Pigs: No Trend, US 2-3, 25-50lbs, 45.00-48.00; 50-80lbs, 44.00-54.00. Boars: No Trend, Over 300lbs, 21.00-22.50; Under 300lbs, 19.00-21.00. CATTLE & CALVES (OPP MKT ONLY): Compared to week ago: Slaughter Cows: No Trend; Bulls: No Trend; Feeder Classes: Steers: No Trend; Heifers: No Trend; Replacement or Feeder Cows: No Trend. SLAUGHTER CLASSES: Cows: Bon Uty 1-3, 44.50-46.75; Cut 1-3, 40.00-45.00; Bulls: Yg 1-2, 1000-1500-2000lbs, 55.00-60.00; 1500-2000lbs, 56.00-63.00. FEEDER CLASSES: Steers: Med & Lge 1, 300-350lbs, 108.00-114.00; 350-400lbs, 105.00-110.00; 400-450lbs, 95.00-105.00; 450-500lbs, 88.00-93.00; 500-550lbs, 84.50-89.00; 600-650lbs, 74.50-78.50; 650-700lbs, 73.00-77.50. Med & Lge 2, 300-350lbs, 96.00-103.00; 350-400lbs, 97.00-105.00; 400-450lbs, 93.00-97.00; 450-500lbs, 77.50-85.00; 500-550lbs, 76.00-82.00; 550-600lbs, 75.00-81.50. Heifers: Med & Lge 1, 300-350lbs, 88.00-93.50; 350-400lbs, 85.00-90.00; 400-450lbs, 83.50-88.00; 450-500lbs, 80.00-86.00; 500-550lbs, 78.00-83.50; 550-600lbs, 77.00-82.00; Med & Lge 2, To Few COWS REPLACEMENT and/or FEEDERS: Med 1-2, 3-7yrs, 900-1100lbs, 50.00-61.00; Sml 1-2, Ovr 7yrs 550-700lbs, 40.00-50.00. COW & CALF PAIRS: Med 1-2, 900-1100lbs Cows w/75-200lbs Calves, 610.00-770.00; Sml 1-2, 700-900lbs Cows w/75-200lbs Calves, 540.00-610.00. BRED COWS: Sml 1-2, 700-900lbs 3-5mos 350.00-449.00; Med 1-2, 900-1100lbs 3-8mos 522.00-559.00.

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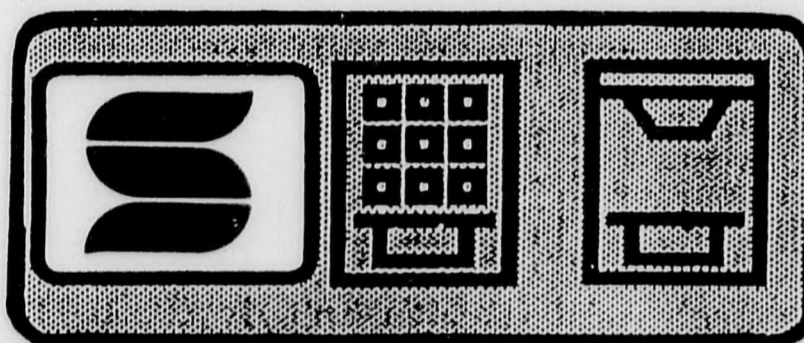
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SENTENCING HEARING SET FOR FEBRUARY 10TH

Jury finds Schaefer guilty of sodomy and sexual abuse

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

A Coffee County man was found guilty of first-degree sexual abuse and first-degree sodomy charges last Thursday by a six-woman and six-man jury. The verdict came after 2 1/2 hours of deliberation.

Raymond Lewis Schaefer, age 45 of Route 3, Elba, Alabama was arrested on December 4, 1991 by Coffee County Sheriff's deputies. Schaefer's arrest came after a complaint was lodged by the victim's mother. The victim was a minor, a young boy, under the age of 12 years old.

The complaint was filed after the boy's mother was told by a neighbor that her son had performed oral sex on the neighbor's son while visiting in their home.

When the young boy was questioned concerning his actions, he told his mother that Schaefer had done the same thing to him. He also

told his mother, that Schaefer had attempted to sodomize him.

Schaefer plead not guilty to the charges. He contended that the victim's mother was trying to get back at him for personnel reasons.

During the three-day trial, the jury heard testimony from the victim, the mother, and also viewed several video tapes containing explicit sexual acts. Other articles of sexual paraphernalia were also recovered from the man's home during the execution of a search warrant during his arrest.

Defense attorneys, Dan Turberville of Birmingham, AL and Rodger Brannum of Enterprise, AL, put Schaefer on the stand and also called numerous character witnesses to testify on his (Schaefer's) behalf.

The case was heard by Circuit Judge Gary L. McAllely and Assistant District Attorney Al Smith prosecuted the case for the state.

Judge McAllely has set Wednesday, February 10, as the date for sentencing Schaefer. The sentencing hearing will be held in the courthouse in Elba at 9:00 a.m. A pre-sentencing investigation by the state's pardon and parole officer was ordered by the judge.

The crime of first-degree sexual abuse is a class C felony and is punishable by a possible 1 to 10 years in prison. Sodomy in the first degree is a class A felony and punishment could be a sentence of 10 years to life in the state penitentiary.



MICROFILM OF ELBA CLIPPERS dating from the early 1900's were donated to the Elba Public Library last week. Shown making the presentation of the 1961-62 newspaper film series are from left: Clara Jelle and Deborah Skaggs of the Alabama Department of Archives and History. The microfilm records will be kept current by *The Elba Clipper*. A reader, shown in the photo, has already been purchased by the library and the records are available to the public for research purposes. A special room was built into the new facility to house the microfilm reader.

The microfilming of the Elba newspapers was completed just before the flood of 1990 destroyed all bound copies of the paper in the courthouse and in the Elba Clipper office.

The microfilming of the papers is part of the Archives "Alabama Newspaper Project". The objective is to identify and preserve all newspapers in the state. Funding for the work is from a federal grant and is aided by an additional grant from the Alabama Newspaper Association. Ultimately all Alabama newspapers will be on microfilm and available for research. Copies can also be purchased from the Archives.

Mrs. Skaggs, Division Head of the Records Management Division, explained they got newspapers from the Probate office and from the State Archives and merged them to get as complete a record as possible.

Commission has lengthy planning session

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

According to Commission Chairman Robert Stephens, the Coffee County Commission's planning session lasted about five hours last Thursday. All commissioners except Commissioner Wendell Black were present for the planning session.

The commissioners discussed the question of a new courthouse for the Enterprise Division, county employees' leave time, the landfill, garbage disposal, and the budget.

Concerning the courthouse, the commissioners unanimously decided to ask Architect Bill Wallace to meet with the commission and court officials to discuss what would be needed in a new courthouse. The service being offered by the Wallace is at no charge to the county.

The Commissioners agreed that further talk of a new courthouse

would be feudal without first determining the requirements that need to be met in a new facility and the its cost.

Turning to the landfill and disposal of the county's solid waste, the commission agreed to look into the cost of having it hauled away.

County Engineer Mark Pool was instructed to draw up a proposal on contracting county-wide garbage pick-up to be presented at the commission's first meeting in March. Based on the proposal, bid requests for the picking up and disposing of county garbage somewhere other than in Coffee County will be sent out by the commission.

It is still not known as to whether or not Coffee County will have a one-county landfill, a regional landfill, or any kind of landfill at all. As Engineer Mark Pool put it, "The clock just keeps on ticking."

All attempts to discuss the county

landfill and the formation of a landfill authority failed.

The commission, after a lengthy discussion concerning county employees' sick leave and annual leave, voted to allow each employee to have up to 240 hours annual leave time.

Consideration was given to employees who have accumulated more than the 240 hours vacation time. According to Stephens, their leave time will be based on the amount of time they have at the end of February 1993.

The issue of how much sick leave may be accumulated by county employees was tabled for later discussion and action by the commission.

Money was the topic of the planning session as it drew to a close. No doubt, discussion about the county's budget will continue at the next commission meeting which will be Monday, January 25, at 9:00 a.m. in the Farm Center Complex in New Brockton.

New Brockton High School experiences problems

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

Rumors have been flying hot and heavy about one of Coffee County's three high schools located in New Brockton.

On Friday of last week, less than half of the students enrolled in the school showed up for classes. The reason for Friday's low attendance was attributed to students being unsettled after a fight erupted on the school's campus on Thursday. Also there was concern on the

part of many of the parents after several unsubstantiated rumors began circulating following the fight. In an attempt to separate fact from fiction, this reporter contacted the school's principal, Stanley Walker, late Tuesday afternoon.

According to Walker, there was a fight on campus last Thursday (Jan. 21) involving four white male students and three black male students. Rumors were that the fight stemmed from racial tensions and unrest among the students but this can neither be substantiated or dispelled.

One rumor was that a student had a gun on campus. Walker stated that a follow-up investigation into this matter on Saturday did produce a pistol - a small toy pistol found at the home of a student. However, it was not determined if the toy pistol found was or was not the gun referred to in the rumor.

Coffee County Sheriff's deputies were present at the school on Friday and were also present on Tuesday. This was done at the request of school officials strictly as a precautionary measure to ensure the safety of ALL students.

Walker had the highest praise for New Brockton's Police Department and the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

"Both of the law enforcement agencies have cooperated with school officials in every aspect during this incident," said Walker.

He added that both of the above agencies have always cooperated in providing security for all school functions.

This dispels the report that only the county's sheriff department has jurisdiction on the county school campus.

On Monday and Tuesday, school attendance was running between 94% and 96% which, according to Walker, is about normal for this time of the year. Sickness accounts for most of the absence.

Principal Walker stated that he understands the concerns of both the students and the parents about their safety and respects their feeling.

The school administration has been communicating with the students and parents - this week in an attempt to assure them that everything possible is being done to ensure their safety.

"Everyone, students and faculty alike, just want to get back to the business at hand - getting an education," said Walker.

The seven young men involved in the fight last Thursday have been "disciplined" in accordance with school policy.

NEW ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRMAN NAMED... Ken Farris (left) passes the gavel to new Chairman of the Coffee County United Way Advisory Board, Matt Gray of Elba. Farris holds the award presented to him by the Board for serving as the Chairman for the past two years. For more information about your Wiregrass United Way call 393-1072.

Elba City BOE holds special session to hire English teacher

By Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City School Board met in special session Tuesday night and hired a new high school English teacher.

They also approved entering into a contract with Mighty Clean, of Brantley, for janitorial services in the high school. Three firms bid on the contract. The low bidder gave three references and Pearce explained all three gave a negative report on the firms performance.

The annual cost for this contract is \$52,250. Superintendent Charles Pearce gave board members information that this is about the same as the present cost with in-house staff doing the work.

He explained that this will relieve the administration of the job of supervising the work, as the contract call for the contractor to furnish the management.

The contract is for the balance of the school year, but can be renewed if the work is satisfactory and cost effective to the school.

Only one regular employee will be affected and he will be hired by Mighty Clean to oversee the work. The other workers now doing the cleaning are temporary.

Ashley Hamilton, of New Brockton, was hired to teach high school English. She replaces Mrs. Judy Killingsworth who was transferred to the elementary school as Supervisor of Instruction and Curriculum.

Hamilton is presently taking courses on her master degree and is highly qualified, according to Pearce.

School Board Chairman Bob Robertson recommended the Board heed the advice of their attorney and take no action against high school principal Charles Clark. The question had been raised by a parent when she accused him of making negative statements about her son after he applied for a job under a federal work program.

There were nine parents visting at the meeting. They noted they were there to observe.



ROTARY SPEAKER

The members of the Elba Rotary Club will be having Terry Ellis, Alabama's State Auditor, as their guest speaker on Monday, January 25, 1993. Ellis' subject will be "Spending Reform." All Rotarians are encouraged to attend the meeting. The Club meets each Monday in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

* * HAPPENINGS * *

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH. New Brockton residents are urged to attend an organizational meeting of a neighborhood crimewatch. James Locke, who is heading up the project, has scheduled the organizational meeting for Thursday (tonight), January 28, 1993, at 7:00 p.m. in the New Brockton City Hall Council Chamber. Enterprise Officer Cindy Dunaway will be providing helpful information on how a neighborhood watch works. New Brockton Police Chief Charles Driggers will also be present at the meeting to assist. TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME - ATTEND!!!!

FRIDAY NIGHT SINGLES FELLOWSHIP. The First Assembly of God presents Friday Night Singles Fellowship this Friday, January 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall. There will be discussion, encouragement, fun, food and fellowship. For more information call the church office at 897-6625.

COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission meets Monday, Jan. 25, at 9:00 a.m. in the community room of the Farm Center Complex in New Brockton.

Hearings held in Elba on criminal court cases

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

Hearings were held during the week of January 18, 1993 for cases scheduled on the criminal jury docket.

The cases were heard in the Elba Courthouse with the Honorable Gary L. McAllely and Honorable Terry L. Butts presiding.

The following is a list of the cases on the docket and their disposition:

State of Alabama
Vs
David Dean Johnson
Charged with second-degree forgery and possession of a forged instrument in the second degree. Plead guilty and sentenced to 4 years in the state pen on each count. Sentences were suspended and placed on 4

State of Alabama
Vs
Rex Messick
Charged with first-degree possession of marijuana and two counts of unlawful distribution of marijuana. Plead guilty and sentenced to 5 years in the state pen. Sentences to run concurrent.

State of Alabama
Vs
Jessie Robinson, Jr.
Charged with unlawful possession and receipt of cocaine. Case continued.

State of Alabama
Vs
Sherry Moogly
Alias: Sherry Kilcrease
Charged with unlawful disposi-

tion of marijuana and unlawful possession or receipt of cocaine. Case continued.

State of Alabama
Vs
Robert Benson, Jr.
Charged with second-degree escape. Plead guilty and sentenced to 15 years in the prison. Sentence to run concurrent with Elmore County cases. Ordered to pay court costs and \$50 CVCC.

State of Alabama
Vs
Clifford McGhee
Charged with first-degree theft. Plead Guilty. Sentenced to 3 years in prison - suspended - place on 3 years probation. Ordered to pay court costs, \$700 restitution and \$50 CVCC.

State of Alabama
Vs
Charlene Motes
Charged with third-degree burglary. Case Continued.

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Jack Prescott resigns from Elba's W&E Board after 18 years of service

By Ferrin Cox
Publisher

Jack Prescott resigned January 1, 1993 from his position on the Elba Water and Electric Board and as Elba's senior representative on the Board of Alabama Electric Co-op.

He cited in his letters of resignation, "Due to my health condition I can no longer serve you as I should."

Prescott, a former city clerk and former city council member has served on the Elba utility board since 1974. He has suffered heart problems in past years and has also had bypass surgery. However, until recent months he has continued to serve on the utility boards and attended meetings regularly.

It has been expressed by his peers that his expertise and dedication will be greatly missed on each of the utilities he served.

BULLETIN

A decision was handed down by the United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit on January 12, 1993 in a lawsuit filed by Coy Dale Ellis. The court ruled in favor of the defendants: the Coffee County Board of Registrars, the Coffee County Commission, and the 12th Judicial District Attorney. The lawsuit had been filed as a result of Ellis' name and the names of his family members being removed from the Coffee County voting list. The court's conclusion was as follows: "Because we have determined that all actions relating to the removal of the Elises from the Coffee County voting list by the individual commissioners, and county attorney were in furtherance of their legislative duties, these defendants-appellants are entitled to absolute legislative immunity. Accordingly, the district court's denial of the summary judgment to defendants-appellants on this basis is REVERSED and the case is REMANDED for proceedings consistent with this opinion."

Elba's Animal Control Officer, Sam Andrews, warns all Elba residents to be sure their pets have been properly vaccinated against rabies. A coin was killed on Caroline St. last Thursday and was sent to the lab for testing. A test for rabies was positive. IF ANYONE OBSERVES AN ANIMAL ACTING STRANGE, DO NOT APPROACH IT! CALL THE ELBA POLICE DEPARTMENT AT 897-2555 OR DIAL 911. Children should be cautioned against approaching strange acting animals.

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